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REQUEST

Can PSPC further support the City of Ottawa with management of the Freedom Convoy Demonstration taking place in the downtown core.

OVERVIEW

PSPC has close working relationships with the National Capital Commission, the Parliamentary Protective Services, the House of Commons and the City of Ottawa and has been providing support since the beginning of the demonstration

1. EXISTING AND CONFIRMED POTENTIAL SUPPORT

EXISTING SUPPORT

- Jersey barriers (26 in total) have been placed:
 - On federal property in and around the protest area.
 - At confederation park. RPS provided support to the NCC (deployment of Jersey Barriers)
 - On Colonel By Drive, near the Senate of Canada Building, and at Chateau Laurier in support to PPS
 - To secure Tunney's Pasture to avoid unauthorized camping
- Crowd control barriers are in place (estimated at about 800) in and around the Parliamentary Precinct
- Fences around the National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (with counterweights). Security cameras currently monitored by PSPC staff s.37
- Fences around the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument and Monument to Canadian Fallen (Korean War Monument)
- Video evidence of National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier provided to Ottawa Police Service
- Spotlights provided at the Parliamentary Precinct
- 12hrs (6am-6pm 7 days) shifts to ensure that PSPC technicians can respond to any incidents at the Supreme Court of Canada and L'Esplanade Laurier
- 24/7 building personnel and commissionaires are to be on positioned in Parliamentary Precinct. They have prepared contingency processes to ensure that they can quickly and easily respond to any damage / vandalism etc, and provide materials to support.
- PSPC is working in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) to coordinate activities specific to the parliamentary precinct, such as providing barricades and s.37 as required during the event.



- Constructions activities, including the Centre Block Rehabilitation Program, have been shut down. These sites have also been hardened. Planning is underway for a phased-restart of activities on Monday.
- As a precautionary measure, and following recommendations from security partners, PSPC has authorized the lock down of all buildings under its control (100 Wellington, National Press Building, etc.). Access to regular building occupants will be maintained at all times.
- Proactive engagement with retail tenants on Sparks Street is being done to inform them of these actions and offer assistance if required.
- Public Safety's Government Operations Center is monitoring as are security officials at the Privy Council Office, and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat as per the Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP). PSPC has representatives at both these forums.

Space for hospitality:

- L'Esplanade Laurier Food Court (Laurier/Bank) is available and used as space for rest, food, warming up for Ottawa Police Service and/or other key support teams.

Parking Lots:

- Availability of large number of parking spaces at 1500 Bronson (Drake Building). There is no tenant occupancy in the building as it has been prepared for rehabilitation. The parking is not located by residences.
 - About 250 car size spots available.
 - Currently, protestors have established a temporary garage and the parking is occupied by a limited number of protestors (see picture in Annex A). These protestors previously tried to set up at Tunney's Pasture however were removed by OPS and relocated to this location.
 - NCR Command Center and OPS have been made aware of the situation since protestors arrived and have deemed it to be a low priority at this time.
 - There has been social media attention (see Annex B as an example) and community concern around the set-up of truckers at this location and there is concern that it may grow given the displacement of truckers from other areas (i.e. Confederation park).



POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to the above, the following could also be considered:

Barriers:

- RPS could purchase additional jersey barriers to be placed outside of federal property jurisdiction.
- RPS has Beacon Lite Ltd on standby should additional crowd control barriers be required.
- RPS has Utility Structures Inc.(USI) on standby should additional Jersey Barriers be required after hours or during the weekend.

Vehicles:

- PSPS has one 23ft flatbed c/w folding boom. Can carry 5 Jersey Barriers (5500lbs each) to help position crowd control or jersey barriers.
- PSPC pickup and trailer could be used to deploy and crowd control barriers
- 30+ Fleet vehicles (trucks and vans) could also be available if required.

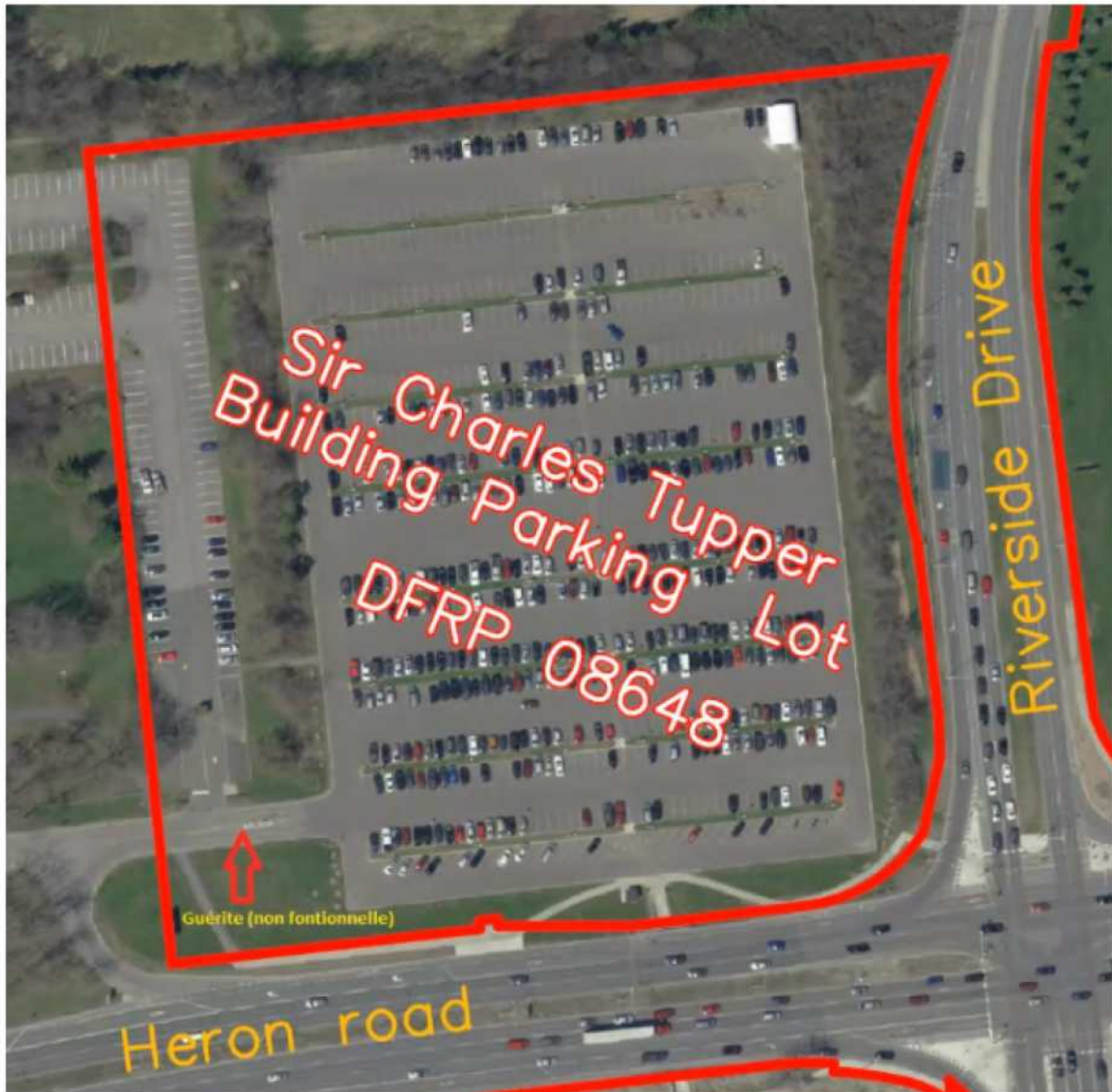
Space for Hospitality:

- A small number of retail bays on Sparks Street, between Bank and Elgin, are currently available and could be used for this purpose as well.



Parking Space:

- Availability of Confederation Heights Parking Lot, Tupper Building (about 725 spaces for car size. Easily accessible (no gate) and clear of snow. CRA or other clients have alternatives if we use the space to support the GC response to the situation. OPS already aware of this option.





- After review of its inventory, PSPC may consider proposing the following site for consideration if requested:
 - a. 1010 Somerset
 - a. About 200 car size spots available.
 - b. PSPC property now leased by the City of Ottawa, for Ottawa Community Housing.

Strategic Considerations:

It is not completely clear what the intended use will be for parking on federal lands by OPS or the City of Ottawa and that should be clarified.

Factors such as proximity to residential areas and/or to buildings accommodating federal public servants need to be weighed when considering options.

Should concerns/illegal activities occur on federal lands due to the presence or occupation of protesters, PSPC may not be a priority to have situations immediately addressed given the demand on policing services at this time. It may be difficult or next to impossible for PSPC to navigate this without support.

Several Members of Parliament and community members have already raised concerns with the occupation of federal parking sites.



2. OPTIONS TO BE EXPLORED

Use of stones:

- PSPC has access to large stones stored at a storage facility on Pink Road in Gatineau.

Contractors:

- PSPC could engage with construction managers and request to deploy contractors with large vehicles for additional traffic control.

Use fleet/vehicles from other departments:

- PSPC could reach out to other departments to explore options available.



Annex A:

1500 Bronson Ave. Parking Lot (February 9, 2022)





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Annex B:



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It appears convoy leaders are now building another base camp south of Carleton University in the parking lot of the Edward Drake Building, originally the headquarters of the CBC.

Some of these vehicles were previously seen at Confederation Park.

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